

THE
True Coppy of VVarwickshire Petitions, vin-
dicated from that grosse abuse which the former impressi-
on cast upon the County.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgessees of the House of Commons,
Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Warwick, and City of Coventry, here present.

Sheweth,

That the Petitioners leaving their Country and Families with heavy hearts, as well in regard of *Popish Recusants*, wherewith their Country swarmed, and of whose rising they are in continuall feares; and comming up to present to this Honourable House, in the name of themselves, and of many thousands others of the Inhabitants of the said County, the Petitions hereunto annexed with their names subscribed, and now meeting with the joyfull tydings of the Concurrence of the Honourable House of PEERES, in passing sundry Bills of great importance; With which most happy news, your Petitioners found the Countreyes as they passed, so affected, that there seemed to be a new life put into them, and their hopes hereby raised to an high pitch of confident assurance that they should shortly see most glorious and happy times: taking this correspondency of their Lordships with this Honourable House in those Acts, as a pledge and earnest of their free and ready conjoyning with you for the future, for advancing the publique good: Your Petitioners cannot expresse the joy they conceived upon certaine notice of so sweet an harmony, and did greatly long to cast themselves at your feet, with most thankfull acknowledgement; First, to Almighty God, who hath thus begun to worke for you and by you for your Petitioners: And next to you (as in many other things, so in speciall) for acquainting them by your Remonstrance with their sad condition, and the cure thereof: And for all the unwearied paines you have taken for their good, and the undaunted courage you have shewed amidst all the perils which Satan, (the enemy of peace, and author of confusion) hath raised up to discourage you, and ruine both Church and Common-wealth. And the Petitioners doe most humbly beseech you, not to faint in your great worke of Reformation, whereof you have already laid a good foundation. But that whatsoever persons or things, Your Wisedomes find to crosse your endeavours, you will be a meane to His most excellent Majesty, and the House of Peeres, to assist you in removall of them: Especially we pray that Popish Lords may Vote no longer, Papiests be fully disarmed, and more than ordinary care taken to discover them, evill Counsellors, Magistrates and Officers removed, idle and scandalous Ministers (the shame of this Church) put out; godly, able, painefull preaching Ministers placed in their roomes, with plentifull maintenance for their encouragement, the abominable Idol of the Masse, and all reliques of superstition rooted out, the Kingdome of Jesus Christ advanced in the power and purity of sacred Ordinances, Parliament-priviledges cleared and vindicated, and life speedily given by His most sacred Majesty, to the Bills passed in both Houses, and that a speedy and powerfull reliefe be dispatcht for Ireland, where our Protestant brethren and Religion are most cruelly persecuted: And the Petitioners according to their duty and Protestation doe ingage their estates and lives, for the defence of his Majesty, the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament, and of Your Persons, Orders and Ordinances, tending to the glory of God, and the common good, against whatsoever power shall be employed by Satan or his instruments, to stop or disturbe Your glorious proceedings.

And your Petitioners shall daily pray, &c.

To the Right Honourable the House of PEERES, assembled in Parliament.

*The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Warwick,
and City of Coventry, here present, in the behalfe of themselves and
many others of the said County.*

Sheweth,

That the Petitioners doe to their unspeakable comfort, understand that blessed correspondency and concurrence, which this Honourable House doth hold with the worthy House of Commons; As by many other Acts heretofore passed in this present Parliament, so of late, by passing the Bill to take away Bishops Votes, and disabling them from Temporall employments, and for setting the Kingdome in a defensive posture, and for the speedy reliefe of bleeding Ireland, for all which your Petitioners, doe in the first place humbly praise Almighty God, and next with all thankfulness, acknowledge the wisedome, care, and piety of your Lordships; not doubting but that That God who hath moved your Noble hearts to concurre thus farre in joyning your Votes with that Honourable House in these necessary workes, will still unite you more and more. All which move your Petitioners in token of their thankfulness, to engage themselves, their estates and lives to serve and honour his most Sacred Majesty, and your Lordships thus united: And further with all humble boldnesse to pray that this Honourable House, would be pleased to goe on in reforming the Church thorowly, freeing it, as from all superstitious Innovations, introduced by the Prelates; so also from whatsoever is offensive and not necessary; and from all scandalous Ministers: that speciall care be taken for purging and reforming the Univercities, and that a Conscionable preaching Ministry may be provided, and liberally maintained throughout the whole Kingdome. That the abominable Idoll of the Masse may be no more tolerated, Delinquents brought to tryall, and condigne punishment; Parliament Priviledges vindicated, which your most Noble Ancestors (to their eternall honour) procured; and left as a Legacy to Posterity; evill Counsellors removed, Papiests disarmed, and Popish Lords disabled from voting, all Papiests of ranke and quality so ordered, as the Kingdome may feare no danger by them. That a magazine may be appointed in every County for its defence, and the aide for Ireland dispatcht, where not so much the lives of Protestants, as the life of our Protestant Religion is in most desperate perill, and faithfull men employed in that service, and all this as speedily as the state of the things themselves will permit, least the wrath of GOD breake out against this land also, and there bee no remedy.

And your Petitioners shall daily pray, &c.

These Petitions were presented to the Houses, by many hundreds of the Gentry and Freeholders, of the best quality, who came into London the 11. day of February, riding orderly, all well mounted, two in a ranke, through the City to the Old Exchange, and the next day met all together at Merchant-Taylers Hall, and thence went on foot two in a ranke to Westminster; where the said Petitions were most thankfully accepted by both Houses, and the Petitioners were sent away joyfull in heart, for the gracious answer which they received, that their request should be taken into speedy consideration, and their desires fulfilled.

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